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TPM



From a [Daily Bruin](#) interview with Steve Lurie, recently-appointed AVC for campus and community safety:

...DB: USAC has a resolution on its (Feb. 11) agenda to declare its lack of confidence in you and to get them your appointment. Do you have any response to it?

SL: I look forward to working with every Bruin group who will meet with me to discuss their vision for a safe UCLA. As an alum, as a 30-year professional, in my core and in my heart as a Bruin, I want to learn what every group on

campus feels about safety at UCLA and their vision moving forward of what we can do to help Bruins be safe.

[NOTE: The resolution was later amended to be a declaration of no confidence in Lurie's office. However, its condemnation of Lurie's appointment, as well as a call for the senate to hold a vote of no confidence in Lurie, remained in the version of the resolution that passed.]

DB: UCLA has revised its Time, Place and Manner policies, which were announced in September. They've generated some blowback from students. The Academic Senate has expressed concerns about the policies. How will your office go about enforcing these policies?

SL: Time, Place and Manner restrictions are permitted by the Supreme Court.

I'm not intimately familiar with the specifics of UCLA's yet, but they are in a list of things that I'm reviewing now. On university campuses, we are the breadbasket of the First Amendment. We want to embrace and cherish our role as a place where ideas can be expressed. That's especially important for a university, and especially important for our nation's number one public university. But First Amendment protections are not absolute, and there need to be some guardrails and guidelines on how expression happens. That's what Time, Place and Manner restrictions are meant to do...

Full interview at <https://dailybruin.com/2025/02/14/qa-new-associate-vice-chancellor-steve-lurie-talks-campus-safety-transparency>.

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Watch the Regents Meeting of Jan. 23, 2025

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We are finally getting around to second day of the Regents meeting of January 22-23. The meeting began with public comments. Several were anti-Israel demands for divestment. There were also some comments dealing with concerns about antisemitism. Other topics included staff pay, the UC budget, basic needs, concerns about the status of undocumented students given developments in Washington, and cancer research.

In addition to the concerns expressed in public comments, student government leaders complained about delays in receipt of financial aid. UC was asked to backfill support for undocumented DACA students who

were fearful of applying for federal aid through FAFSA. A short disruption occurred after their presentations which did not lead to a significant halt in the meeting. Thereafter, student awards were presented.

The Regents then heard a presentation about UC agricultural programs. Reports of the various committees were approved.

After the full board meeting, the Health Services Committee met. It approved an appointment of, and compensation for, an interim head of UC-Davis Health. There was then a presentation dealing with UC Health and the state Medi-Cal (Medicaid) program. The state does not cover full cost of treating Medi-Cal patients who often end up in the (expensive) ER. Medi-Cal patient caseloads increased with passage of the ACA (Obamacare). This situation was characterized as not sustainable and cuts now occurring in Washington, DC may aggravate that problem. Further cuts will lead to non-UC hospital closures and thus more Medi-Cal patients dependent on UC healthcare. Over 62% of the state's Medi-Cal budget comes from the federal government. And the prospect of the state offsetting federal cuts is remote.

Regent Park said it would be useful if UC engaged in detailed modeling so as to be able to map cutbacks in Washington to particular congressional districts including GOP districts. UC apparently is relying on a hospital trade association for such modeling. Generally, there was no disagreement among the Regents that the problem could become a crisis.

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As always, we preserve recordings of Regents meetings indefinitely because the Regents have no policy on retention.

The Board meeting of January 23 is at:

<https://ia802300.us.archive.org/11/items/regents-board-1-23-2025/Regents%20Board%201-23-2025.mp4>.

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Health Services is at:

<https://ia902300.us.archive.org/11/items/regents-board-1-23-2025/Regents%20Health%20Services%20Committee%201-23-2025.mp4>.

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The general webpage for the January 23rd session is:

<https://archive.org/details/regents-board-1-23-2025>.

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What might have been



From [Yahoo News](#): *The National Labor Relations Board's acting general counsel on Friday rescinded a memorandum issued by his Biden-administration predecessor that said she viewed college athletes as employees of their schools under the National Labor Relations Act...*

[The earlier] memorandum helped set the foundation for unionization efforts by Dartmouth men's

basketball players and a complaint by NLRB's Los Angeles office against the NCAA, the Pac-12 Conference and the University of Southern California that alleged they had unlawfully misclassified college athletes as "student-athletes" rather than employees...

The National Labor Relations Act applies to private employers. The complaint sought to interconnect the NCAA and a major college-sports conference — both of which are private, non-profit organizations — to athletes' alleged employment at a private school in a way that would have allowed the NLRB to take the position that every college athlete has a private employer: the NCAA and/or a conference. That, in turn, could have opened the door to the possibility of unionization efforts by athletes at public schools.

Full story at <https://www.yahoo.com/news/trump-administration-rescinds-nlr-b-memorandum-213349022.html>.

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Tuesday, February 18, 2025

Impending Strike News



From the [Bruin](#): *A research and technical workers union announced plans for a three-day strike, becoming the second union to announce a strike against the University of California [last] Friday. The University Professional and Technical Employees-Communications Workers of America 9119 – which represents research and technical workers – called the strike, which will take place on all 10 UC campuses from Feb. 26 to Feb. 28. The union, which represents 20,000 workers, said in a press release that it was striking to call attention to what it said were unfair*

labor practices.

...The strike is the second announced Friday, after a union representing service, patient care and skilled crafts workers called for a two-day strike to be held Feb. 26 and Feb. 27...

Full story at <https://dailybruin.com/2025/02/14/up-te-cwa-9119-to-conduct-3-day-strike-against-uc-at-end-of-february>.

UPTE statement: <https://x.com/UPTECWA/status/1890458159468159411>.

UC statement: https://x.com/UC_Newsroom/status/1890507090193437167.

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The Letter

From [Inside Higher Ed](#): *The Education Department's Office for Civil Rights declared all race-conscious student programming, resources and financial aid illegal over the weekend and threatened to investigate and rescind federal funding for any institution that does not comply within 14 days.*

In a Dear Colleague letter published late Friday night, acting assistant secretary for civil rights Craig Trainor outlined a sweeping interpretation of the Supreme Court's 2023 ruling in Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard, which struck down affirmative action. While the decision applied specifically to admissions, the Trump administration believes it extends to all race-conscious spending, activities and programming at colleges...*

*The Dear Colleague letter also seeks to close multiple exceptions and potential gaps left open by the Supreme Court ruling on affirmative action and to lay the groundwork for investigating programs that "may appear neutral on their face" but that "a closer look reveals ... are, in fact, motivated by racial considerations." ...Going even further beyond the scope of the SFFA decision, the letter forbids any race-neutral university policy that could conceivably be a proxy for racial consideration, including eliminating standardized test score requirements** ...*

Full story at <https://www.insidehighered.com/news/diversity/race-ethnicity/2025/02/15/trump-admin-threatens-rescind-federal-funds-over-dei>.

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*The letter is at:

<https://www.ed.gov/media/document/dear-colleague-letter-sffa-v-harvard-109506.pdf>.

**Note that UC has eliminated its SAT/ACT requirements.



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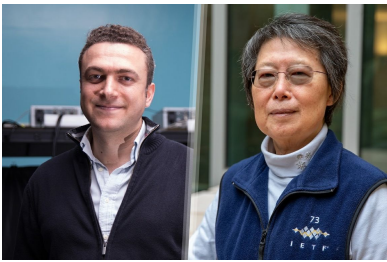
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Monday, February 17, 2025

2 UCLA professors elected to the National Academy of Engineering

From the [UCLA Newsroom](#): Two faculty members from the UCLA Samueli School of Engineering — Aydogan Ozcan and Lixia Zhang — have been elected to the National Academy of Engineering, one of the highest professional honors granted to American engineers.

Ozcan and Zhang are among 128 members and 22 international members elected today in recognition of their outstanding contributions to engineering research, practice and education.



Aydogan Ozcan

Ozcan, who holds the Volgenau Chair in Engineering Innovation, is a professor of electrical and computer engineering and bioengineering. He was elected to the academy for his "contributions to mobile sensing and telepathology for medical diagnostics." ...

Lixia Zhang

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Zhang, a distinguished professor of computer science who holds the Jonathan B. Postel Chair in Computer Networks, has been an influential researcher for more than three decades in the architecture, performance and security of the internet and its connected devices. She was elected to the academy for her "development of internet protocols which significantly impacted internet quality and performance, and for leadership in setting standards." ...

Full story at <https://newsroom.ucla.edu/releases/ucla-faculty-elected-to-national-academy-of-engineering-2025>.

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Lawsuit against UC-SF



From the [San Francisco Chronicle](#):
The conservative Pacific Legal Foundation has sued UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland over an internship program for minority high school students, alleging the program violates state and federal laws because it bases eligibility on race.

The suit, filed Tuesday in federal court in Oakland, also names the UC Board of Regents as a defendant. It was filed on behalf of a 15-year-old Berkeley High School student, identified only as G.H., who applied for the program and was rejected. The student is white.

The Community Health and Adolescent Mentoring Program for Success, or CHAMPS, is a three-year internship for minority high school students interested in health professions. It begins in the 10th grade and involves classroom education, health care training, tutoring and rotations in hospital departments, according to UCSF.

In the complaint, Pacific Legal Foundation argues the program violates the Equal Protection Clause and California's Proposition 209, which prohibits public universities and entities from using race and ethnicity in employment, education and contracting...

Full story at <https://www.sfchronicle.com/health/article/ucsf-benioff-hospital-internship-lawsuit-20161446.php>.

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